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RELATING TO THE
GENERAL CHARITY,

And DISPOSAL thereof

Printed in Purfuance of an Order made the
Seventh Day of *March*, 1747.

Richmond, G. M.

1724, Nov. 21.

THAT for promoting the charitable Disposition of Free-Masons, and rendering it more extensively beneficial to the Society, a Collection be made in each Lodge, and paid into the Hands of a Treasurer, towards raising a Fund for the Relief of such distressed Brethren as shall be recommended by some Lodge contributing to the same.

Paisly, G. M.

1725, Feb. 28.

THAT the Contributions of the several Lodges towards raising the above Fund be voluntary, and paid quarterly.

THAT no Brother shall partake of the said Charity until he shall have been Five Years a Member of some regular Lodge contributing to the same.

Kingston, G. M.

1729, Dec. 27.

Ordered, **T**HAT, for the future, every Lodge of Masons that shall be constituted by the G. M. or by his Authority, shall pay Two Guineas towards the Charity.

Norfolk, G. M.

1730, Dec. 15.

THAT all Complaints, Informations, and Petitions, to the Grand Lodge, shall for the future be referred to the Committee of Charity; who are to examine the same, and report their Opinion thereon to the next quarterly Communication.

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T H A T no Petition shall be read, if the Petitioner don't attend the Committee in Person, except in Case of Sickness, Lameness, or Imprisonment.

Lovell, G. M.

1731, May 14. T H A T the Committee shall have Power to dispose of any Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, towards the Relief of any distressed Brother, as shall think proper.

1731, June 18. T H A T no Brother that has been once assisted shall petition a second Time for Charity, without some new Allegation well attested.

Strathmore, G. M.

1733, Dec. 13. T H A T the present, and all former and future Grand Officers, together with the Masters of such regular Lodges, as shall have contributed to the general Charity within Twelve Months next preceding the Meeting of any Committee of Charity, shall be Members of every such Committee: And that all Questions, and other Transactions therein, shall be determined by the Majority present.

T H A T if the Case of a distressed Brother, on his Petition, appears to require more than Five Pounds, the Committee shall refer the same to the next quarterly Communication.

Craufurd, G. M.

1734, Feb. 24. T H A T no Relief shall be granted on any Petition for Charity, unless some Brother who has signed the same shall be present to attest the Truth thereof, or at least, that the Subscriptions thereto are genuine.

1735, March 31. T H A T no Person made a Mason in a private and clandestine Manner, upon small and unworthy Considerations shall act as a Grand Officer, or even as an Officer of a private Lodge, or shall partake of the general Charity.

T H A T no Relief shall be granted, on any Petition for Charity, unless the Name of the Petitioner is expressly mentioned therein, and the Officers and the Majority of the other Members of some regular Lodge contributing to the general Charity do subscribe the same, and certify, that they have known the Petitioner to have been in reputable, or at least tolerable Circumstances.

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Weymouth, G. M.

736, April 6

T H A T no Petition for Charity shall be presented to any Committee that hath not been left with the Grand Secretary Ten Days at least before the Meeting thereof.

Raymond, G. M.

739, March 20

T H A T a Brother's being intitled to, and receiving Relief out of the Charity of a particular Lodge, in pursuance of the Laws thereof, shall be no Objection to his being relieved out of the general Charity, in case such Lodge shall contribute to the said general Charity, according to the Laws of the Society.

Morton, G. M.

741, Dec. 3

T H A T before the Brethren proceed to Business in any Committee of Charity, all the Laws relating to the Disposal of the general Charity of this Society be first read ; and that, for the future, no Petition shall be received, unless every Brother shall, at the Time of his signing the same, be a Member of some regular Lodge, and the Name of such his Lodge be always specified.

N. B. The Deputy Grand Master desires that before any Lodge signs a Brother's Petition, they will read over the above Laws before they sign it, that no petitioning Brother be disappointed of Relief.

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A List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by
and under the Protection of the Grand Master of England.

DEPUTATIONS for Provincial Grand Masters were granted
In 1726, by Lord Parker, Grand Master.
To Sir Edward Mansfield, Bart. for South Wales.
In 1728, by Lord Kingston, Grand Master.
To George Pomeroy, Esq. for Bristol in the East Indies.
In 1729, by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master.
To Captain Ralph Farwinter for the East Indies.
Messrs. T. H. and J. for the Circle of London.
Mr. Daniel Cox, Esq. for the City of London.
In 1730, by Lord Dover, now Earl of Lister, Grand Master.
To Captain John Phillips for all the Russias.
In 1731, by the Duke of Devonshire, Grand Master.
To Sir John Mordaunt, Bart. for the Province of Yorkshire in Spain.
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